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Title: TENSION MEMBER FOR AN ELEVATOR

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action dated May 4, 2000, Applicants hereby elect Species IB, which is drawn to the subject matter disclosed in Figure 3. In addition, Applicants hereby elect sub-species IIC, which is drawn to the subject matter disclosed in Figure 8.

After reviewing the claims, Applicant believes that claims 1-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-25, 28, 29, 32-42 and 45-48 are generic to all of the identified species (IA-C and IIA-C), and that claims 8, 9, 11, 30-31, 43, 44, 49 and 50 are drawn to elected species IB and IIC.

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